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## CALIFORNIA LETTER.

BY E. T. R.  
April 15th, 1896.  
Dear BETHEL NEWS:-  
Since, in a former letter to the NEWS  
I wrote of a snow-storm here as a  
appalling sight to those whose orange  
orchard trees were then bending under  
the heavy weight of their golden fruit.

ripe for the harvesting, we have learned that a fall of snow in this valley was not the unprecedented occurrence it was then supposed to be, as one of the "oldest inhabitants" in Pomona has recorded that in April, 1877, snow fell

during one day and night, clearing with a temperature so cold that a crust was formed over it, and that one of the first settlers of the town hitched a pair of horses to a sled he had, and with his wife and two relatives drove over the

valley, the snow lasting four or five  
 hours. Again, in 1882 came a light fall  
 of snow. The same authority tells us  
 that, in 1875 a freeze occurred severe  
 enough to kill so hardy trees as the

California walnut. These facts show the fruit growers that there are yet greater risks and dangers than any that have been encountered since the valley began to be settled, and fruit growing became so great an industry, though it

can not be said that winter has an  
real reign in Southern California; no  
"wintry caves" from which emerge  
"gentle spring." The winter months, so  
called, are a season of rest and sleep for

the vegetable world, so that with the return of lengthening days of sunshine the old and ever new miracle of resurrection takes place, trees putting forth new leaves, bud and blossom, plants and shrubs spring into new life and bloom.

and nature everywhere rejoices in the exuberance of abounding life and rich verdure, such as it seems to me, is nowhere else in our great country to be seen. The orange trees, with their light and dark green foliage thick-

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starred between with waxen white  
blossoms, which fill the atmosphere for  
miles around with dense sweetness of  
perfume; the apple, prune and peach  
trees adding their fragrance of bloom

all having the appearance of new fallen snow lodged upon the starting leaves announce that now is consummate spring. A drive of twenty miles or so out into the deep green country about the foot of the hills, a short time ago, was to me a revelation.

elation of the beauty of the landscape, and grandeur, which surpassed anything I had ever seen in my wanderings around and about Pomona, before. On one hand the hills, green as emerald, with

patches here and there of bright yellow California wild poppies, which in the clear air of these spring days can be seen at long distances away, great fields of growing grain, already in full head, waving and nodding in the breezes.—

the vivid green of acres of alfalfa, some of which is being cut for the first crop of the season, the sweet odor of new mown hay drying, being as delightful to the senses as fragrance of other kinds of hay better known.

the thrifty looking orchards all abloom, planted in rectangular precision, wherever seen, which adds much to the beauty and order of a California landscape; wild flowers everywhere cover-

ing the ground which the improving  
hand of man has thus far left as nature  
makes it, having a beauty and loveliness  
of their own which makes these unpre-  
tending little flowers much sought  
after being pressed and made into

booklets for souvenirs. Facing the green hills, and beyond the wild, blossoming plains which slope from the foot-hills toward the setting sun, stand the grand old mountains, with their high peaks

white-hooded still, as winter with snow and blustering wind holds sway at these high altitudes late into the spring. Often, as we sit with open doors, we look up to the mountain tops and see the snow sitting along the horizon line.

for driven and whirled high in air, we feel that it is the nearest approach of winter we ever care to see again, preferring the warmth and comfort of the genial climate to be enjoyed in the

valleys of this fair South-land, where the birds sing and trill their merry songs throughout the year, from rising morn to dewy eve, and on moonlight nights the mocking bird's rich melodious call may be heard at almost any

hour one chance to be awake to listen. What one could say of the roses now; if words could be found to describe how exquisite they are, and how magnificent in color or the fragrance of the varieties now in bloom.

low in bloom in unstinted profusion,  
it might be stereotyped for any future  
mention through the summer  
and autumn months, for they  
change only from glory to  
glory from this time till frost or wind

shall blast their beauty or they cease to bloom for a season. We—who dwell in the land of flowers—have come to find verified the belief that “the beautiful is as useful as the useful.” For occasions of decoration, callas are gathered

ons of decoration canas are gathered in hundreds. Such masses of flowers are collected for Easter Sunday as would astonish our eastern friends. One should see for once, at least, what floral wealth is here available for the season.

of this sacred festival, and how elaborately and beautiful in design such work is done in all the churches here. The city of the Angels is busily occupied at this time in preparation for the great annual Fiesta which begins on

the twenty-first day of April, and lasts five days. A more elaborate programme than ever before, has many new features of attraction and entertainment, and vast crowds will be in attendance from

parts of the State to witness the great Festival display. The latest excursion to Pomona was that of the Woman's Press Club of So. California, numbering about twenty in all who came. The same programme for sight

...ing was carried out for this, as for other excursions which had preceded them. The board of Trade gave a

Dwight, III.

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Ripans Tabules cure bad breath.  
Ripans Tabules cure biliousness.  
Ripans Tabules: one gives relief.  
Ripans Tabules cure torpid liver.  
Ripans Tabules cure constipation.  
Ripans Tabules: pleasant laxative.

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This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor discoloration and creases. A dark, irregular stain is visible along the right edge, possibly from a binding or a liquid spill. The left edge shows the inner hinge of the book's binding.



# THE BETHEL NEWS.

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Rumford Falls, C. H. Clifford.

**Officers and Committees for the Centennial Celebration.**  
President of the day, Judge Woodbury.  
Marshall, Maj. G. A. Hastings.  
At a meeting of the central committee last Saturday, the following officers and committees were appointed:  
Vice Presidents, S. B. Twitchell, I. G. Kimball, John Barker, T. H. Chapman, E. G. Wheeler, E. C. Bean.

**COMMITTEES ON PROCESSION.**  
G. A. Hastings, C. S. Edwards, H. C. Barker, E. H. Young, Ceylon Rowe.  
**RECEPTION.**  
G. R. Wiley, A. E. Herrick, Dr. J. G. Gehring, J. M. Philbrook, Dr. F. R. Tuell.  
**DECORATION.**  
A. M. True, C. S. Russell, T. F. Hastings.

**ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVENING.**  
E. C. Park, Prof. W. R. Chapman, Mrs. Gehring, Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Miss Alice Billings.  
**ANTIQUARIAN COMMITTEE.**  
G. P. Bean, S. I. French, Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Anna Robertson.

**ON REFRESHMENTS.**  
Dist. No. 2  
1. T. H. Jewett  
2. Wm. R. Barnes  
3. E. C. Chamberlain  
4. Seth Mason  
5. J. W. Bartlett  
6. C. H. Kimball  
7. C. H. Kimball  
8. F. J. Russell  
9. Chas. F. Abbott  
10. B. W. Kimball  
11. C. L. Sanborn  
12. O. R. Stanley  
13. C. L. Swan  
14. E. S. Kilborn  
15. Gilbert Tuell  
16. Edwin Barker  
17. Clarence Barker  
18. Wm. H. Morrow  
19. D. A. Coffin  
20. E. J. Virgin  
21. Dwight C. Rose  
22. N. A. Stearns  
23. Chas. L. Abbott, Jr.  
24. David L. Foster  
25. John F. Haggood  
26. Albert Whitman  
27. Irving H. Wilson  
28. F. L. Edwards  
29. L. L. Mason

The territory is apportioned off in the old system of school districts. It shall be the duty of this committee to see that their district furnish food for the dinner, to arrange the tables, etc. It would be well for the committee to meet as soon as possible, and make all necessary arrangements.  
The committee on parade have already begun their work, and they assure us that this feature will be the attraction of the day. Nearly all of the merchants will make a display, and many novel features will be introduced. A company of Indians and one of Rangers will be an important feature. Interest in the celebration is on the increase, and that Bethel may do herself justice, is the sentiment of all.

**CELEBRATION FUND.**  
Amount reported last week, \$418.00. Additional contributions:  
Prof. W. R. Chapman, 10.00  
Geo. Minott, Malden, Mass., 5.00  
Cash, 5.00  
R. E. L. Farwell, 2.00  
Contributions can be sent to the committee, A. D. Ellingwood, J. U. Purinton and S. N. Buck, Bethel, and they will appear in the following number of the News. An invitation is extended to all who have an interest in Bethel, to add to the sum.

The committee on invitations for the Centennial Celebration respectfully asks anyone and everyone having friends out of Bethel who were once residents of Bethel, to hand in their names that a special invitation may be given them by the committee, to be present at the celebration. It is very necessary that this request be complied with, that no one who has ever lived in Bethel shall be overlooked.  
L. T. Barker, R. A. Frye, A. D. Ellingwood, Committee.

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS.**  
The following is the list of new subscribers received the past week:  
Edward King, Bethel.  
Mrs. Mary Chandler, Kittery, Me.  
C. W. Moore, East Waterford.  
Mrs. Alma J. Cummings, Albany.  
Stephen E. Cummings, Bethel.  
Lewis E. Wheeler, Jamaica, Vt.  
F. M. Allen, Bethel.  
E. P. Holt, Bethel.  
J. M. Bartlett, East Bethel.  
E. T. York, Elkader, Kansas.  
John Currie, Bethel.

**FOR SALE.**  
About 400 cakes of nice quality. Apply to Dr. Gehring, Bethel.

Tax Collectors should send to the News Office for samples of SBE OUR PRICES! Tax Receipts, 1,000, \$1.25, postpaid. Tax Receipts, 1,000, \$1.75, postpaid. **GOOD TOUGH PAPER.** Address: NEWS OFFICE, Bethel, Me.

## BETHEL LOCALS.

The Luciers are coming, sparking and up to date. This company is recognized as one of the best that visit this section.

Mr. G. P. Bean has moved into the rent of Miss Cross.

Mr. Bert Young has got settled in his new home on Church Street.

Helping Hand Lodge will meet next Thursday evening for installation of officers.

Mr. Wm. F. Kendall has moved into the rent recently occupied by Mr. Bert Young.

The Bethel Library Association held its annual meeting last Monday evening and elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. O. M. Mason  
Vice President, Mrs. A. E. Herrick  
Secretary, Miss Annie Frye  
Treasurer, Mrs. Ceylon Rowe

Trustees:  
Miss Buxton, Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Miss Alice Purington, Rev. F. E. Barton, Mr. A. M. True, Herbert C. Rowe, Librarian, Mrs. L. L. Barker.

As Friday is a holiday, and one naturally wants entertainment on holidays, Shamrock and Rose in the evening will fit in just right. Secure your tickets at once so that you may be sure of a good seat.

"It's a girl, it's a girl!"  
He joyfully cries,  
As he looks at the mite  
With fond, fatherly eyes.  
"How blessed am I now,  
And how happy my lot,"  
And visions of sleepless nights  
Trouble him not.

She weighs 8 1/2 pounds, and is at the home of L. L. Mason on Vernon Street.

Mr. R. J. Virgin of South Bethel, was in this village, Monday. Mr. Virgin is agitating the question of a siding at Walker's Mills, to accommodate his business. It would seem that he is entitled to a siding. He ships about one hundred car loads of spool stock, dowels, etc., per year, and would double this out-put if he could ship right from his mill.  
Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Wiley entertained a large party of friends at their home on Church Street. The rooms were cozily arranged and prettily decorated with potted plants and delicate bric-a-brac. The many tables were surrounded by eager scientific whist players, each protesting that particular hand the poorest they ever beheld. Hearts were distracted by Diamond Kings. Spades were thrown only to be met by a big Club in return; and such a contest is yet to be heard from. The refreshment room was a cosy retreat for all defeated parties, where cooling punch and dainties were found in abundance, refreshing their shattered spirits. After assuring the host and hostess of the pleasure of the evening at a late hour, the friends said their adieus, none the worse for their many defeats.

**NEWHALL-DRESSER.**  
A pleasant family wedding occurred at the residence of Mrs. Martha Dresser, Newry, on Thursday, April 30th, when her daughter, Miss Gertrude and Mr. Willard Newhall were united in marriage. The Rev. F. T. Norcross performed the ceremony. Only immediate friends and relatives were present. The bride wore a cream albatross gown, handsomely trimmed with lace and adorned with a bouquet of roses. Numerous and costly presents were received from her many friends, and all unite in wishing the couple a long and happy life.

**LUCIER'S MINSTRELS.**  
These prime entertainers are coming, and will be at Odeon Hall, Bethel, Wednesday, May 13, with a mighty avalanche of talent, a whirlwind of music, a cyclone of fun, minstrelsy in its most original and unique performance, introducing laughable oddities and eccentricities. You can afford to wait, for you know you'll be more than satisfied. Several new additions have been made to the company since they were last here. Among them the elastic novelty in the person of Willie Nichols, the wonder, the marvel, the world's greatest contortionist. Also Delmanning and Hackett in their marvelous specialties. Archie Delmanning, the great Australian favorite, Ote Baldwin, monologist and banjoist, the Luciers, Joseph and Margaret, assisted by Fred J. Palmer in a brand new album of choice musical selections.

**Children's Column.**  
Devoted to the interests of our Little Ones.

We solicit letters and items from the children for this column, and would ask anyone to send us stories, puzzles or anything deemed of interest to the little folks.

The editor wants a few letters from the children for the issue of June 10th. We therefore offer the following inducement: To every child under fifteen years of age, who will write a letter suitable for the children's column, we will give a pretty present, which will be sent post paid as soon as the letter is received. The five letters that we consider the most interesting will appear in our special number, June 10th, and the others will be used later. We hope all the boys and girls will write us a letter at once. They must reach us by May 15th.

**How to Make a Cold Meat Relish.**  
An excellent sauce to serve with cold meat is made from grated horse radish, the yolk of an egg and whipped cream. Squeeze every particle of vinegar from 3 tablespoons of horse radish and mix thoroughly with the yolk of an egg and a half teaspoonful of salt. Add 5 tablespoonfuls of whipped cream and mix again. Serve on a small dish by itself or put on a platter with cold meat or poultry, anything, the slices about it with a border of parsley.

**How to Behave in a Theater.**  
Do not crush at the box office window. You will only disturb the temper of those who are before you, and you cannot get your ticket or tickets one second earlier. Do not talk to your friend from the moment the curtain is raised until it falls. If you must say anything, make your remarks in a whisper. Do not quarrel with a person if you find him occupying your seat. Endeavor to be polite and gentlemanly. If there is a mistake, the usher will remedy it without attracting attention. If you do not like the play or performance, do not mutter your displeasure aloud. Leave the theater at the end of the act. Other people may enjoy what you dislike. Always remember that those who are sitting behind you desire to witness the performance as well as yourself.

# That Tired Feel-

ing is a positive proof of thin, weak, impure blood; for the blood is rich, vitalized and vigorous, it imparts energy to every nerve, organ and tissue of the body. The necessity of taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for that tired feeling is, therefore, apparent to every one, and the good it will do you is equally beyond question. Remember that

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## A GRAND PREMIUM CONTEST.

\$100. Remington Bicycle \$100.  
The Grand Prize.  
2nd and 3rd Prizes to be Announced Later.

**RULES.**  
Credit once given to a contestant cannot afterward be transferred to another. Every newly subscriber or renewal accompanied by cash will count 100.  
Job work amounting to \$2.00 will count 100.  
Parties subscribing for the News at this office who are not in the contest, may have their subscription count to any candidate, or person they wish to become a candidate.  
The contest will close at precisely three o'clock on Saturday, June the 20th, 1896, and nothing received after the hour named will be credited.  
The standing of the different contestants will be published in the News each week up to within two weeks of the close. The last two weeks, no information whatever regarding the standing of the contestants will be given from the News office.  
This elegant bicycle will be furnished from the well known agency of S. N. Buck, and will be a first class wheel in every respect.

**THE BICYCLE COUNT.**  
Miss Alice Russell, 1200  
Gilman Chapman, 1200  
Vira Parker, 800  
Wm. Holmes, 1000  
W. O. Green, Newry, 100  
J. E. Wortley, 900

**BIRTHS.**  
In Bethel, May 6th, to the wife of L. L. Mason a daughter.  
In Mason, April 10, to the wife of Melvin Rowe, a daughter.  
In Mason, April 26, to the wife of Arthur Tyler, a daughter.  
In Lovell, April 23, to the wife of W. M. Benton, a son.  
In Sunday River, Bethel, April 29, to the wife of John Stowell, a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**  
In Bethel, May 6th, by Rev. F. E. Barton, Harry I. Savin of Waterford, and Cora G. Bean of Albany.  
In Andover, April 30, Mr. Willard S. Newhall and Miss Gertrude Dresser, both of Andover.  
In Norway, April 25, by C. E. Holt, Esq., Jesse K. Brown and Abbie Wadsworth, both of Norway.  
In Rumford Falls, by Rev. J. F. Keith, Maudie Rose and Laura Silver.  
In Rumford Falls, April 27, by Rev. G. B. Hamanoff, W. Blackman of Rumford, and Mildred M. Levenseller of Holden.  
In Gorham, N. H., April 29, by Rev. T. D. Davis, Walter S. Walker and Miss Caroline Colt, both of Gorham.  
In Gorham, N. H., April 29, by Rev. J. E. Emerson, Joseph Dancour and Miss Adelaide Twombly both of Gorham.

**DEATHS.**  
In North Waterford, April 20, Arthur, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray, aged 10 months 12 days.  
In Oxford, April 27, Samuel Bumpus, aged 71 years.

**DENMARK.**  
Nill Jones returned Monday to Boston for another year's work.  
George Henry Walker has moved from the George Bean house to the old Charles homestead, now owned by Fred Sanborn.  
Henry Warren is working at Brownfield.  
Horace Blake is in town to attend to driving logs.  
Our primary schools commenced Monday.  
Phineas Swan, of Boston, Mass., was in town over Sunday; he came to attend the funeral of his brother, Jacob Swan, who died very suddenly at East Brownfield. Jacob was the father of Eliore Swan, our blacksmith here.

**ODEON HALL.**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13!  
The Supreme Favorites!  
We Come Again!!  
Better In Every Way!!!

**LUCIER'S MINSTRELS.**  
"UP TO DATE."  
GREATER THAN EVER.  
DR. GEO. W. HUNTLEY, Manager.  
Military Band and Orchestra!!  
Heated by LUCIER BROTHERS.  
Engagement extraordinary. The artist par excellence.  
Special engagement of DELBERT HENNINGSON, The World's Greatest Specialist.  
FRED J. PALMER, Musical Comedian.  
WILLIE NICHOLS, The Antonomized Clown. Forward and Backward Bend. Second to none.  
OTE BALDWIN, Monologist and Banjoist.  
PROF. JOS. R. LUCIER, The blind musical composer and author of several well known songs. He is a truly blind interpreter and actor.  
You Saw Us Last Year.  
Pretty Good, eh!  
It's a Corker this Year.  
Tickets now on Sale at Wiley's.  
W. O. Archer, Gen. Agent.

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**LEGAL NOTICES.**  
NOTICE.  
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the estate of GEO. P. KIMBALL late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payments immediately.  
April 21st, 1896. GEO. P. KIMBALL.

Oxford, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1896, WILLIAM R. RAMES, Administrator on the estate of DOLLY B. SMITH, late of Bethel, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:  
Ordered, That the said administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the BETHEL NEWS printed at Bethel, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed. A true copy Attest—  
Geo. A. Wilson, Judge.

**Commissioners' Notice.**  
We have been appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford to receive and examine the claims of the creditors of said County, deceased, whose estate is represented by the said administrator. Any person claiming to be a creditor of said estate, or who has any claim against said estate, is required to present his claim to the said commissioners, at the office of R. A. Frye in Bethel, on Saturday the 15th day of May, and on Saturday the 15th day of June, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each day.  
Dated this, the 23rd day of April, 1896.  
John R. Chapman, Commissioners.

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There are yet far too many instances of horses being put to work with stomachs empty, and yet not providing the nutriment needed to give the muscular strength which hard work always requires. Hence the horse is always slow in his gait and soon tires out. This overloading of the stomach with nutriment is mainly due to the average farmer's dependence on hay as the staple and cheapest food for horses. Really, so far as effectiveness goes, grain, especially oats, is always found cheaper than hay. Livestock and those in cities who keep horses soon discover this fact. They have to buy all that their horses eat, and learn to discriminate. When they feed hay exclusively, they find that the horse is incapacitated for fast or long driving on the road.  
Farm work differs from that on the road in not requiring so rapid



# GRAND TRUNK RY.

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# The County News.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS Collected by our Local Correspondents, for the BETHEL NEWS.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

You are earnestly requested to send us the news from your locality every week. If you get out of stationery drop us a line. In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

### WEST BETHEL.

Now murmur low the rippling streams. That through the valley stray. The days grow warmer, and it seems That spring has come to stay. The angler to the brooklet hies, Put on his hook the tempting bait. Or wiggling worms and gaudy flies, And for the troutlet lies in wait. May baskets are ripe.

E. J. Bell's house shines in the new coat of white paint.

John Barker has put an addition on the south end of his barn.

J. H. Bean, of South Paris was in this town and Mason Thursday.

Frank Kendall has moved from the Isaac Heath farm to South Paris.

Dana B. Grant, of Lockes Mills was in town Thursday selling specialties.

Lewis Tyler and John Marshall have finished their job of sawing wood or M. Hall.

Mrs. Almira Shaw, who has been with her daughters in Lewiston and Auburn through the winter has returned home.

The balmy air, singing birds, budding trees, blossoming flowers and springing grass makes out of doors life most beautiful.

### BRYANT'S POND.

The lake was clear of ice April 28.

Mr. H. C. Berry of Lockes Mills has recently moved to our village. He is engaged as blacksmith at the Grand Trunk quarry.

Geo. W. Howe and Joseph Seams Jr., contemplate building houses on Church St. this season.

The prospect for a large amount of summer company is very encouraging, says landlord Tobin.

Emerson Billings has been appointed Sub-Registrar of vital statistics for the north part of the town.

John Lobin has bought the Grand Trunk freight shed east of the side track and will move it to his lot for a lively stable.

Augustus Merrifield, formerly of Lacombe, N. H., is sick and failing from consumption at the home of Edwin Brackett.

There is a good amount of work at the Grand Trunk quarry. William Day has charge there and Harry Estes of the bridge crew.

### MASON.

Perley Pitman of Waterford was in town Sunday.

Mrs. James Uihman is at E. H. Merrill's.

Archie Hutchinson is working for Arthur Tyler.

S. O. Grover has bought Archie Hutchinson's oxen.

D. B. Mills is grafting.

George Bennett has a new wheel.

Our road commissioner is repairing the bridge below F. Bean's mill.

J. C. Bean has his plowing completed.

### GROVE HILL.

E. S. Kilborn was at this place one day last week.

Mrs. Ella Lyon is not quite as well as she has been.

Gus Grover sheared sheep for N. A. Stearns, Saturday.

Miss Bertha Browne is at home again after a few weeks absence.

A. W. Grover delivered nursery stock in this vicinity last Friday.

True Brown recently presented his sister with a pretty gold watch.

Our school is progressing finely under the proficient management of Miss Haselton.

Mrs. L. A. Swain and son of South Albany, were at W. M. Brown's Saturday and Sunday.

The Misses Bartlett and Brown commenced their respective duties last Monday.

Two little boys are stopping at Mr. P. Wheeler's at the present time.

Mr. J. B. Peasley is the possessor of a Continental bill the date of which is 1778.

N. A. Stearns has done considerable grafting this spring in his orchard and those of neighbors.

### GRAFTON.

Walter Brink is working for Nellie Brown.

Lee Hanson of Errol, N. H., was in town last week.

C. T. Parker and family have moved to Swan's Corner.

Florence Farrar has gone to Randolph, N. H., to teach this summer.

Very warm weather the past few days, and a heavy thunder shower Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Lowe returned to their home in Randolph, N. H., last Friday.

Ripans Tablets cure dyspepsia.

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## EAST BETHEL.

Miss Helen Bartlett has returned home from Sabatis.

Mrs. Catharine Bean has returned home from Massachusetts.

Mrs. W. C. Howe has returned home to Waltham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Twitchell are moving to Hanover village.

Arbor-day exercises will be observed in the school at this place.

Miss Bertha Twombly spent the Sabbath with friends in this place.

Bertie Bartlett has gone to Berlin, N. H., to work for the Berlin Mills Co.

Walter Bartlett and his sister Elsie have gone to Lowell, Mass., to work this summer.

Irving Kimball and Percie Bartlett spent the Sabbath at their homes in this place.

Geo. K. Hastings has repaired his barn, and J. M. Bartlett has reshingled his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Osmin Twitchell will leave their farm and move to Gorham, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Perry who have been spending the winter in Mass., have returned to their home in this place.

School is now in session under the instruction of J. S. Hutchins.

Mr. Hutchins boards at his home at South Bethel.

Porter Farwell recently purchased a matched pair of grays, he has also purchased four nice cows and a horse of Osmin Twitchell. Mr. Farwell has a handsome herd of cows which now number about thirty. He is one of Bethel's most progressive farmers.

## CANTON POINTS.

Elbridge Benson is at work for B. C. Waite.

Mrs. Emma Capen is house keeping for Ivory Smith.

C. M. Packard was at Ramford Falls Thursday on business.

The river drivers are hustling the logs at the starting gap.

E. Childs is soon to vacate his farm and move to Deering, Maine.

Albert Foster and J. H. Daily are running a wire fence over the mountain.

Mrs. Farnum and daughter have returned from Massachusetts, where they have been spending a few weeks.

B. C. Waite's ferry wire and posts was swept away Wednesday by a jam of logs that had been broken at the old bridge pier.

Spring has come at last and farmers have commenced their springs work but we should like a warm rain to finish settle some back roads and take out the frost.

## MAGALLOWAY.

Mrs. A. M. Bennett has tomato plants budded for blossom.

Mrs. Lewis Leavitt has a hens egg that measures 7 1/2 by 9 inches.

Lewis Leavitt is doing a little hunting this spring he has a nice lot of furs on hand now.

N. H. Bennett has gone to Bethel. Elias Bennett has finished work for D. M. Sturtevant.

Our mail carrier, Mr. Fox, who has been away on business, has returned; we are very glad to see him back again.

Mr. O. Linnell has put in a temporary bridge in the place of one carried away in the high water.

The Berlin Mills Company drowned a man on the Diamond, one day last week; his home was in the Province.

M. D. Sturtevant has his drive out of Abbott brook, and has taken the Spaulding logs in the Sturtevant pond to drive out into the main river.

## BUCKFIELD.

Mrs. David Record is reported sick.

Chas. Foster of Deering was in town Monday.

Chas. Foster and Geo. Murray of Dixfield, were in town Monday.

Rev. Mr. Lawrence and wife are away on a vacation, hence no preaching next Sunday.

The funeral of the late N. C. Frost of Summer was largely attended Sunday, at the home of his son. His age was nearly 93 years.

Mrs. Mary Hobert has lately returned home from Boston, and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Gardner.

The remains of young Willie Gammon, 21 years of age, arrived at this station last week from Poland, where he died. The interment was at Summer.

## NEWRY.

All the schools in Newry commenced last Monday.

The Praying Band from Bethel, came to Newry, Sunday.

There is quite a quantity of spruce pulp wood put into Bear River.

There was a social dance at the hall at Newry Corner, Saturday night; about thirty couples were present.

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# Heart Disease Cured.

By Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

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MRS. N. C. MILLER.

Of Port Wayne, Ind., writes on Nov. 23, 1904: "I was afflicted for forty years with heart trouble and suffered untold agony. I had dizzy spells, and my heart would palpitate so hard, the pain would be so acute and torturing, that I became so weak and nervous I could not sleep. I was treated by several physicians without relief and gave up being well again. About two years ago I commenced using Dr. Miles' Heart Cure, and in a few days all my troubles disappeared. I did not rest, and now I sleep soundly and attend to my household and social duties without a thought of my former troubles. Sold by druggists. Book sent free. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind. Dr. Miles' Remedies Restore Health."

## DEGENERATION OF PIE CRUST.

The Abandonment of the Rolling Pin the Probable Cause.

In the days of my youth, writes an elderly correspondent, there was no kitchen implement in more constant demand than the rolling pin, and one of the principal accomplishments on which our good, old fashioned housewives used to pride themselves was the fabrication of light pastry. It was popularly supposed that in order to be easy of digestion all dough or paste intended for consumption should first be thoroughly kneaded and then rolled and repelled for a very considerable period of time. In fact, so lengthy and laborious was the process that, in figurative language, the excellence of the product was said to be measurable by the amount of elbow grease devoted to its manufacture. Nowadays all this has been changed. It is true that rolling pins still exist (though the more they disappear from at least one popular dictionary), but alas, how shorn of their dignity and importance! Formerly a rolling pin was a skillfully constructed instrument, of suitable weight and accurately balanced, but now that hurry and superficiality are paramount any round piece of wood will do. Thanks to specially prepared flours and the patent baking powders, whose name is legion, the lump of imperfectly kneaded dough is simply flattened out to the requisite thinness and then without further manipulation momentarily utilized in the production of pie, pudding or tart, as the case may be.

The grandmothers of the impetuous dames who now preside over the preparation of our food were wont to impart varying degrees of elaborateness to their paste, having regard to the species of "kickshaws" it was designed to surround, subside or enliven. As a rule, the crispier the product was to be the more protracted was the use of the rolling pin, but not even in the case of a humble "rolly poly" would the doughy envelope have been subjected to the brief, not to say contemptuous, treatment now indiscriminately employed for all kinds of pastry. Never by any chance do we meet with properly made pie crust. The delicious, toothsome morsels that left our mouths unlogged and were perfectly amenable to our gastric juices are no longer to be had for love or money. The airy vol-au-vent, the delicate puff and the imponderable dumpling, all, all have vanished into the limbo of forgotten excellences, leaving behind them naught save the fond memories of an irrevocable past. There can be no doubt, says our eloquent if melancholy complainant, in conclusion that dyspepsia, with its over-lengthy, ening train of woes, is largely due to the neglect of the rolling pin. Like everybody else, our cooks are in too great a hurry. They grudge the time, he urges, which their forbears lavished so freely, and hence one of the most potent sources of that ever increasing degeneracy of our race to which attention has lately been so prominently directed.

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How to Treat Tender Feet. Hot water enlarges the feet by drawing the blood to them. When used, the feet should be exercised before attempting to put on a tight boot. Mustard and hot water in a foot bath will cure a nervous headache and induce sleep. Bunions and corns and callousness are nature's protection against bad shoe leather. Two hot footbaths a week and a little pedicuring will remove the cause of much discomfort. A warm bath with an ounce of sea salt is almost as restful as a nap. Fuddle in the water until it cools, dry with a rough towel, put on fresh stockings, make a change of shoes, and the person who was "tired to drop" will then be ready to stand up. Another tonic for the sole is alcohol. It dries the feet nicely after being out in the wet. Spices are used by professional dancers, acrobats and pedestrians to keep the feet in condition.

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# HOW TO REMEDY SPLIT HAIRS.

They Should Be Clipped Carefully Every Two Weeks.

To restore split hair to a more healthy state it is necessary to cut off every hair above the place where it is split or chipped. To cut each hair seems a herculean task, but it can be simplified in this manner: Divide the hair into two, three or four parts, according to its thickness; then braid each part as closely to the head and as tightly as possible. Tie each braid an inch or so from the end with thread or worsted, or wind a small rubber band around it to keep the braid from loosening. Hold the end of the braid firmly with one hand, and with the other rub the braid the wrong way—that is, toward the head—and most of the hairs which do not extend the whole length of the braid will spring out like the quills of a porcupine.

With the scissors clip these outstanding hairs, being careful not to cut the smooth strands of the braid; then clip the split ends below where the braid is fastened. Unless the hair is very much split and broken, you can do the clipping yourself, but if it is uneven and split close to the scalp it will be better to have some one else clip it.

This clipping should be done once in two weeks or oftener until all the split ends have been cut. Then the hair will feel as smooth and soft and fine as that which grows close to the scalp.

## How to Clean a Flannel.

Use warm water, a cake of soap and a flannel rag. Take the piece of cloth and wash it in the water. Then rub it over the cake of soap and apply it to the flannel, a small amount of the soap at a time. Next wet the second piece, and with this rub off the soap as thoroughly as possible. With the third piece dry the part, rubbing it till it shines brightly, and do it all as quickly as possible, that the soap may not remain too long upon the polished surface.

If one is very sure to get a thin, cheap quality of flannel and is careful to follow directions as here given them, success is certain.

## How to Clean Picture Frames and Frames.

Picture frames should be cleaned with a soft leather wrung out of clear cold water, then left. They will dry without any rubbing. The gold frames of pictures should be brushed and dusted only. If the gilt is chipped off in parts, it should be rubbed over with gold paint, which you can get from any oilshop. It is a wise plan to cover gilt frames when new with a coating of clear varnish. All specks can then be washed off with cold water without doing any harm.

## How to Get Off a Moving Car.

It is always best to have a car stop before getting out, and especially so when one is no longer young and nimble. But when one must jump off a moving car, there is only one way to do it. Face in the direction the car is going, but lean back a little, not letting the hand and arm of the car till one foot has touched the ground. Then step forward in the same direction, two or three steps, according to the momentum the car has to you. To jump off backward or sideways nearly always results in a fall.

## How to Care For the Teeth.

Let the diet contain plenty of the elements nutritious to the teeth. They are contained largely in the grains. Avoid acid tooth washes and powders composed of hard, gritty substances. Avoid the excessive use of acids and acid fruits. Use foods which require thorough mastication. Never follow very cold drinks or food by very hot drinks or food. Use a moderately soft toothbrush and "quill" toothpicks. Clean the teeth in the morning, after each meal and before going to bed. Visit the dentist, even when his services do not seem to be required, at least twice a year.



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### THE TALE OF THE ANIMATED JUG.

Told by Captain O'Haver, the Prince of Wales of the Memphis Police Force.

"Several years ago," the captain began, "Bill Pryde and I had to go to Little Rock to appear as witnesses in a burglary trial. One fine day this side of the town of Carlisle, Ark., there was a freight wreck. The cars were torn up, and the track was twisted. There were very poor facilities for clearing the track, and Bill and I saw it sticking out plain that we would have to stay there in the woods all day if we waited for the track to be cleared. We might have stood it all right, but we couldn't get anything to drink. So we inquired how far it was to the next town. We were delighted to find that Carlisle was only a mile farther. That was just like having drinks sent up to your room, and Pryde and I struck out down the track for the town.

"We walked down the main street and then up and down all the others and never a place did we see where a man could get a drink. Finally we inquired of a citizen if there was a drop of liquor sold in the town. The man looked uneasy and said, 'Not since the local option law went into effect.' Then we tumbled. After walking a mile we had struck a dry town. There wasn't even any ice water. Pryde and I were both accustomed to looking for blind places; but, as far as we could see, we couldn't find any hole that looked like a tiger." Our mouths were as dry as bones. The day after local option carried in Carlisle the town went dry out of sympathy. We were in despair, when we met a friend. He opened our eyes by telling us that we had been recognized. The story had immediately gone around the town that Memphis policemen had been there to come to Carlisle and run out the blind tigers. Ten minutes after we struck the town every blind tiger in the place was closed as tight as your fist, and the proprietors had all left the country.

"Our friend said that while we were tapping on doors and looking into stairways some of the good citizens of the town were quaking in their shoes. However, he told us that he would put us on to something. He directed us to a little frame house in an isolated part of the town and told us if we would work the thing right we could get a drink there—in fact, several of them.

"We joyously started for the little house and found that there was only one room so far as we could see. The center was a table. On the table was a jug, a bowl of sugar, a pitcher of water and several glasses. Pryde and I walked right up and were just going to pour out a few fingers when right before our eyes that jug began to soar aloft. 'Grab it!' I yelled to Pryde, but it was too late. From the way the jug hung in the air I thought it must have a string tied to the handle. In a second it was out of sight."

"Well," put in the reporter, "the pitcher of water was still there, wasn't it?"

"The captain only indulged in a pained look and continued: 'Bill and I wanted a drink worse than ever then, for we had smelt it and almost tasted it. We were almost wild when Bill was struck by a happy thought. 'Blow your breath,' he exclaimed excitedly. I found a quarter in my clothes and laid it on the table. You may not believe it, but the jug came back as if it had dropped from the ceiling. This time I distinctly saw the string tied to the handle. We poured out our stuff and were so thirsty that we did not notice half how bad it was. The rest of the story is short. Every time we wanted some more we laid down a quarter and hit the jug. After awhile we thought we and the jug were good friends, and Pryde suggested that we try and see if we couldn't work it without putting up a quarter, just for the fun of the thing. We voted down that scheme, however, for we were afraid the jug might get mad next time and not come back. Well, when we left we had fewer quarters, and the jug wasn't nearly so hard to lift by the string as it was when we came in."

—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

### His Speech.

People in Maine will sympathize with the Penobscot county man who attempted to speak in town meeting on a subject that greatly interested him. "Fellow citizens," he sang out lastly, as he arose—"fellow citizens!" A long and enthusiastic pause, and then he added: "If only had the ideas I ought to have on this subject and had the words to express those ideas I think I could relieve my feelings." How the crowd cheered as he sat down.—Lewiston Journal.

**How to Utilize Cold Fish.**  
A simple but delicious way to use up remnants of white fish of any kind is thus: Free the fish of skin and bones and with a fork break it into pieces and season with salt and pepper. Make a sauce by boiling a pint of milk with an onion cut in quarters. When the milk boils, remove the onion and add the fish. Season with butter and one of flour that has been beaten to a cream. Stir until smooth and season with salt and cayenne pepper. Line a deep earthen pie plate with a thin layer of mashed potato and put the fish in the dish. Pour the sauce over the fish and cover with crumbs and butter. Bake in a moderate oven 20 minutes.

### HOW TO MAKE A COUCH.

Cheap and Pretty and Comfortable as Can Be.

Ten dollars will cover every expense for a couch that is a miracle of comfort and beauty, providing of course time and labor are not counted.

The first outlay is for a sofa cot, which is merely a cot with projecting spring, stationary legs and rollers. It costs \$2.75. A thin cotton mat, in place of a mattress, to cover the spring can be made to order for \$1.50, and the drapery, which is the real artistic touch of the entire combination, should be purchased at a Japanese or India bazaar, where it can be found for from \$3 to \$8.50 in excellent colors and soft materials.

The novice should bear in mind that the so-called drapery should never be draped over the couch, but thrown squarely on and allowed to take, as artists say, its own folds. If the couch stands in a corner, as it should, a strip of grasscloth, which can be purchased for \$1, should be neatly tacked on the wall at the head and side of the couch as a background for the pillows, and the pillows of feather and down should be in as great variety as the colors with which the pillows are covered must be in perfect harmony with the drapery and appropriate in tone to the grasscloth. This India grasscloth, usually comes in four yard strips and in most artistic oriental dyes.

### How to Freshen Up an Old Dress.

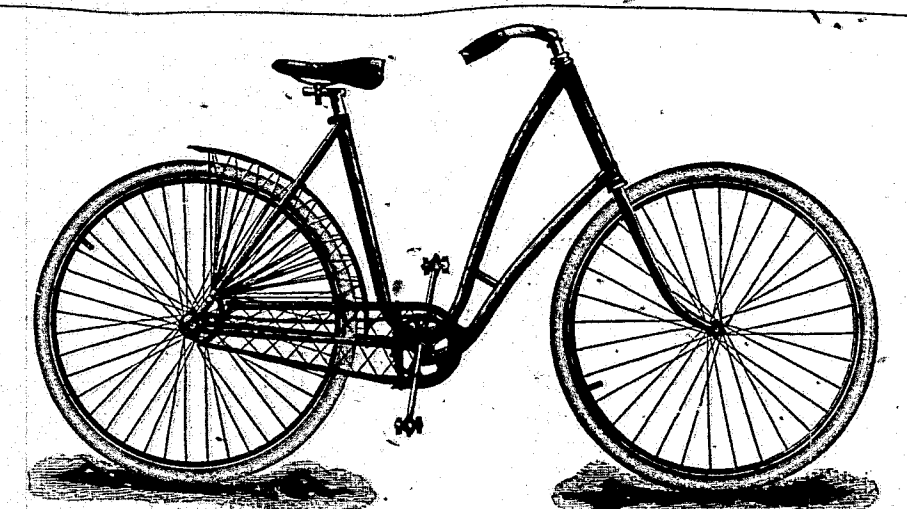
A very easy and charming way to freshen a black, white or colored silk or satin bodice is to cover it with an overcoat of chiffon the shade of the bodice, or, if liked, of a contrasting color. There are neither darts nor side seams, this airy drapery is easily adjusted, and to finish the waist one can purchase in any of the fancy dry goods houses a cord or plaited or crimped chiffon falls in white, black, cream or fancy colors, with Persian ribbon or beaded edges. Shoulder straps of satin ribbon carried down the front and back would serve to keep the fullness of the chiffon in place, thus giving a slender look to the figure.

### How to Treat a Newspaper Reporter.

Don't tell a newspaper reporter, when he calls on you on business, things which you do not call for information for the fun of it. He is there on business. When you meet a reporter socially, don't say to him every time you open your mouth, "This is not for publication." The chances are that reporters know as well as men in other callings. If you really have information to give, either give it cheerfully and frankly or refuse with firmness, but don't try to be clever and attempt any "funny business." If you give the information frankly, you will in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred be accurately reported and respectfully treated. If you refuse on any other than trivial grounds, your reticence will be respected. If you try to outwit the reporter by an effort to mislead him or by direct misrepresentation, you are sure to make a mess of it and wish that you had been better advised. Dismiss your mind of any foolish impression that newspaper reporters and malignant persons trying to stir up strife in the world. They are, as a rule, the opposite of this and have as high an idea as other men of that message of glad tidings, Peace on earth and good will among all men.

### How to Remove Oil Stains.

Stains made by sewing machine oil may be removed by rubbing the soiled fabric with lard, letting it stand several hours and washing with cold water and soap.



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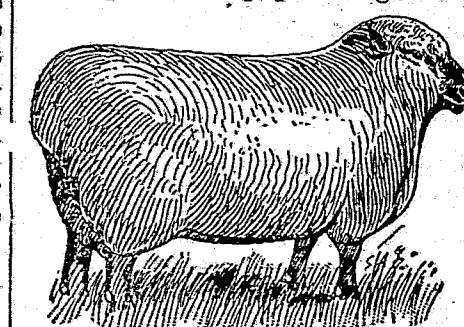
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with fiber from 5 to 7 inches in length. Like the Cotswold, the Oxford Down sheep has a tuft of hair upon its forehead, but like the Hampshire Down it has a dark face and legs. The peculiarity of the mutton from the Oxford Down is that it is considered better than that of the Southdown when the animal is young, but inferior when the sheep is full grown. At least this is the British notion.

The Oxford Down ram in the illustration was the heaviest sheep at the World's fair, he tipping the scales at 450 pounds. The fleece of the Oxford Down weighs from 10 to 15 pounds. Yielding both wool and mutton, it is considered an excellent breed for those engaged in mixed farming.

### Pigs on Pasture.

The Utah agricultural experimental station has been making some experiments on the power of pasture grass to grow pork. The pasture grass was a mixture of eight different kinds. Lucern made up at least half the grasses in the pasture. The results are summed up as follows:

Pigs allowed to range over 18 acres of good pasture and fed a full ration of grain made the most rapid growth and required the least grain for one pound of gain.

Pigs confined in movable pens in the pasture grew more slowly than those running loose and required an increase of 20 per cent of grain to make one pound of growth.

Pigs at pasture, fed under three different conditions, gained 32.5 per cent more and ate but 8 per cent more than the pigs getting grass and otherwise similarly fed, but confined in pens. The grain required to produce one pound of gain was increased 40 per cent when those in pens over those at pasture.

Pigs fed by partial rations of grain at pasture getting the three-fourths grain ration gained more than those fed a full grain ration and grass, either in the yards or in the pens.

Pigs pastured without grain made about the same growth for three seasons in succession, this averaging .36 of a pound per day.

As nearly as can be judged, exercise alone increased the gain 32 per cent and the amount eaten but 1.5 per cent, but decreased the amount required for one pound of gain 22 per cent.

Grass when cut and fed green to pigs, whether fed in pens or yards or with full or partial grain ration or without grain, proved to be of very little value.

Pigs confined in pens and fed on grass alone, mostly lucern, for 91 days lost weight to the base of the brain, the rubbing aloft from the temples backward and downward. Much and heavy rotation at the base of the brain should follow; also excessive rubbing on the back of the neck and stroking from the head down back of the ears to the shoulders for the purpose of emptying the veins.

Women who have a tendency to congestive headache will do well to dash very cold water at the back of the neck and down the spine before the morning bath.

### A Fine Steer.

They breed grand head cattle in England, although the dairy cattle there are inferior to ours. The illustration given is from The Mark Lane Express, London, and represents a model fat Hereford steer. We doubt if an animal to

Feed little corn to young animals. It stunts them.

Put a stamp on square and true, in the upper right hand corner and as near as possible to the margin of the envelope. You put it on at the right hand corner for the convenience of the stampers in the postoffice, so that it may be uniform in location with the stamps on other envelopes and so more conveniently and expeditiously stamped. You should study the comfort of others as well as your own. You should put it as near as possible to the corner, so that the canceling stamp will be less likely to deface and so perhaps obscure the address on the envelope.

You should put it square and true because that is the methodical and proper way to do. Many persons are disturbed by the appearance of a stamp put on in a careless and slipshod manner. And one can easily imagine that such a practice might work positive injury. You might have occasion to write to a man on a matter of business that was of importance to you. You might compose and write this letter with faithful care, and set forth what you had to say with commendable clearness and precision, and yet use it all by slapping on a stamp carelessly. The recipient might judge you by the one slight act done naturally rather than by the studied work done with a purpose.

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Put a quantity of soft, pure white material, gauze if possible; if not, swiss or india muslin will answer very well. Be sure and have it pure white, and after polishing the surface of the mirror, rub the material at the thickness of the top, and bring it down, softly at either side, framing the glass in folds of pure white.

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# RAPE CULTURE.

How to Grow and Use This Admirable Food Plant.

Rape is of two kinds—the smooth leaved summer rape, which is the summer forage plant of the English, grown for feeding the flocks, especially the lambs to be fattened for the early winter market, and the rough leaved winter rape, which being sown late in the summer comes into the early in the next spring for the use of the old sheep. The former may be sown most successfully where the cold of the winter prevents growth, but it may be possible in the more northerly localities where the snow protects the growing crops to sow the latter late in the summer and thus secure an excellent early feeding crop which will leave the land in the very best condition in every way for the following winter wheat. The land will thus be kept free from weeds and richly fertilized by the manure of the sheep and the large refuse of the crop itself.

The culture of this plant has been confined to the experimental stations and a few advanced and enterprising farmers. But the most gratifying success has been obtained in all these cases, and it only requires the enterprise to prepare the ground and sow the seed to reap the benefit of it. It may be difficult at first to find the right place for it in the rotation without infringing on some other crop, but it may be sown on an oat stubble if the winter corn is grown, or on the corn stubble instead of oats, and the oats put off a year or dispensed with. An experiment made by the writer in the use of both varieties, one sown late in the summer with a greater space between the rows of plants, the spaces being sown with the spring variety, resulted in giving a whole acre of the winter rape, leaving the land as if summer fallowed, clean and highly enriched for the winter wheat following the rape.

The seed cannot be distinguished from that of the cabbage tribe generally. Three to five pounds of it is sown to the acre if the sowing is broadcast, but it is better to sow it in drills three feet apart and use only three pounds of seed per acre. This, however, is for rich land, on which the plants will need over the rows and crowd each other even then. Half this distance is proper under ordinary circumstances, of which each should judge for himself. As our season is so rainy, we have not had time to sow, we must sow later or use earlier, or the crop may be sown at intervals, as from May to July. Two months is sufficient for the plant to mature in our climate, while six months is the rule in England. In fact it is quite possible to grow two crops, one succeeding the other, if the first is sown in May. The yield of a fair crop is equal to 30 tons per acre if it is left to mature its full growth and is then cut and fed as a silage crop. But by the feeding of it on the land this yield is somewhat more on account of the continuous growth.

The cost of growing the crop is less than \$4 an acre—that is, for the actual expenditure for labor and seed. The return made, so far as the experimental culture has shown, is equivalent to the respectable sum of \$15 to \$20 an acre, leaving a margin of \$11 in actual money's worth as rent for the use of the land, without counting anything for the increased fertility gained by the feeding of the crop. This may be estimated at quite \$8 or \$4 an acre.

This crop is especially desirable for sheep. Its special composition makes it most valuable for this use, as sheep need a liberal supply of sulphur for growth of fleece, and this requisite can only be supplied through the food.—Exchange.

### Live Stock Points.

About this time of year dip sheep for ticks.

A tobacco dip if strong enough will kill all ticks on sheep, but the various carbolic acid dips prepared are considered preferable on account of not discoloring the wool.

Plant some pumpkins for the hogs to eat next fall. The old fashioned way of planting pumpkins in cornfields has never been improved on.

The last a decent sheep raiser can do is to dip his sheep once a year. The pests begin to grow most troublesome as the weather becomes warm. Now is the time to look after this matter.

Give an Arbor day this spring to your live stock and poultry and plant trees to grow about your place. Under the grateful shade in time to come the panting animals will rest and thrive and thank you.

To plant field peas for live stock make a good smooth seed bed and sow the peas broadcast at about 2 1/2 bushels to the acre. Then plow them under 3 or 4 inches deep.

The Portland (Or.) horse abattoir has closed because it did not pay. One reason was that some rascally dealers sent to it diseased horses, which were killed and their flesh was pickled and sent to Europe. Some went to Belgium, where it was detected, and immediately the Belgian government shut down on the game, but the knaves and fools that engaged in the sick horse meat deal must now feel proud of themselves.

E. J. Hiatt says concerning Short-horns: "The color craze did not improve the breed, but caused many second rate bulls to be placed at the head of valuable herds."

The Breeder's Gazette asks this question: "Where is the stock coming from to take the place of the young cattle sent to it from the big crop in now forcing to the shambles?"

A stockman says he has fed breeding ewes on shredded fodder and skim milk, without any grain at all, and they did extremely well.

One cattle feeder gives his fattening steers from two to five pounds of oilmeal a day, according to the price of corn. If corn is high, he gives more oilmeal.

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